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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO NAVAL REVIEW

REF: SECNAV MESSAGE R 031154Z

- 1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED EMBASSY TODAY IN EFFORT OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED NAVAL REVIEW. AT MINISTRY'S REQUEST, WE HAD SENT INVITIATIOM CONTAINED REFTEL TO MFA FOR TRANSMISSION TO BANGLADESH NAVY'S CHIEF OF STAFF, COMMODORE MOSHARRAF HOSSAIN KHAN.
- 2. FIRST QUESTION ASKED WAS: MAY INVITATION BE READ TO MEAN THAT NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF COULD ATTEND WITHOUT NAVAL UNIT BEING REQUIRED. WE REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD DOUBTLESS BE QUITE SATISFACTORY. (ANSWER PREMISED ON RUBRIC THAT NUMBER AND SIZE OF SHIPS TO BE LIMITED. WE ASSUME DECISION BRING NO RPT NO SHIPS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME.) WE GUESS NAVY CHIEF WOULD BRING SMALL PARTY IF HE WERE TO COME AT ALL.
- 3. SECOND QUESTION WAS MORE INTERESTING: ARE INDIA AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BEING INVITED? WE REPLIED THAT THE MESSAGE WAS SENT TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS IN LITTORAL STATES AND THUS INDIA AND EASTERN EUROPEAN CONFIDENTIAL

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STATES WITH NAVIES HAD BEEN INCLUDED. END LIMITED

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4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. FOR DEPARTMENT: QUERY REGARDING EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION IS ANOTHER CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF NEW GOVERNMENT'S SEEMING INTENTION TO RETAIN SAME BASIC FOREIGN POLICY AS MARKED MUJIB ERA. IT CONTINUES BE OUR VIEW, WHICH WAS BUTTRESSED SUBSTANTIALLY LAST WEEK BY BANGLADESH'S VOTES RE KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA GENERAL COMMITTEE (SEE USUN 4345), THAT IMPERATIVES AT WORK ON BANGLADESH PRECLUDE SIGNIFICANT POLICY SHIFTS. BOSTER

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